REMARKS:

The claims in the application are 1-33 and Claims 34-40 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The status of Claims 13-18 and 22-33 have been identified as <u>withdrawn</u>, pursuant to the request in Box. 4.E. of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In this regard, it is respectfully pointed out <u>several</u> of these "withdrawn" claims have been <u>amended</u> by the present amendment, so the <u>proper</u> status identified <u>should</u> be "currently amended." However, to expedite prosecution, status identification of <u>all</u> claims 13-18 and 22-33 has been changed pursuant to the request in Box. 4.E. of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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